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Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action, mailed July 30, 2002, please enter the following amendments in the above-identified application:

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 6, line 2 and ending on page 7, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Optionally, the coating 20 may have a color that represents a non-laser engraved genus identification mark. For example, the coating may have a red color for use with a product container having a black exterior surface to represent one series of dental restorative materials especially suitable for use with posterior teeth, while the coating may have a green color for use with a product container having a black exterior surface to represent another product series of restorative materials that is especially suitable for use with anterior teeth. The first identification mark 22 can then be used to create the species identification mark that identifies the color or shade of the restorative material within each of those series.